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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 3, and 4 as shown below. Please cancel Claims 20 and 21. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) An extract of *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. made by a process comprising:

combining dried *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. plant material with a water solvent to form an aqueous solution;

heating said solution to at least 70°C; and

separating solid material from said solution after a predetermined period, whereby said extract has a content of flavonoids, calculated as the sum of baicalin, scutellarin, dihydrobaicalin, ikonnikoside 1, lateriflorin, baicalein, lateriflorein and wogonin, of at least 18% by weight.

2. (original) The extract of claim 1 having a content of baicalin of at least 8-9% by weight.

3. (currently amended) A process for obtaining an extract of *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. rich in flavonoids, said process comprising:

combining dried *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. plant material with a water solvent to form an aqueous solution;

heating said solution to at least 70°C; and

separating solid material from said solution after a predetermined period, whereby said extract has a content of flavonoids, calculated as the sum of baicalin, scutellarin, dihydrobaicalin, ikonnikoside 1, lateriflorin, baicalein, lateriflorein and wogonin, of at least 18% by weight.

4. (currently amended) The process of claim 3 wherein said solution to be combined with the plant material solvent is boiling water.

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5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The process of claim 3 further comprising stirring said solution for a predetermined period.

7. (original) The process of claim 3 further comprising drying said extract.

8. (withdrawn) A composition comprising extract of *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. combined with a stabilizing agent.

9. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 8 wherein said stabilizing agent is ascorbic acid.

10. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 8 wherein said stabilizing agent is citric acid.

11. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 8 wherein said stabilizing agent is a combination of citric acid and ascorbic acid.

12. (withdrawn) A process for obtaining an extract of *Scutellaria lateriflora* L., said process comprising:

combining dried *Scutellaria lateriflora* L. plant material with a solvent to form a solution;

adding a stabilizing agent to said solution; and

separating solid material from said solution after a predetermined period.

13. (withdrawn) The process of claim 12 wherein said stabilizing agent is ascorbic acid.

14. (withdrawn) The process of claim 12 wherein said stabilizing agent is citric acid.

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15. (withdrawn) The process of claim 12 wherein said stabilizing agent is a combination of citric acid and ascorbic acid.

16. (withdrawn) The process of claim 12 further comprising heating said solution and then cooling said solution prior to adding said stabilizing agent.

17. (withdrawn) The process of claim 12 wherein said solvent is boiling water.

18. (withdrawn) The process of claim 12 wherein said solvent is a glycerin aqueous solution.

19. (withdrawn) The process of claim 12 wherein said solvent is alcohol.

20. (canceled)

21. (canceled)

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